

F-2-28

S. B. Preston House
Knoxville
Private

1850

The S. B. Preston House is significant to Knoxville architecturally as one of the stone buildings of the town and as one of the buildings which made up Knoxville in the mid nineteenth century.

In 1858 the house was as it is today strategically placed at the base of the hill leading into town on the Harpers Ferry Road. Its rear yard backs up to the B & O Railroad and before the 1889 flood would have overlooked the rest of the town of Knoxville.

In 1873 the house was owned by S. B. Preston as indicated by the Titus Atlas, however since his name is indicated on other properties in the town it is unlikely that he actually lived in the building.

The house is architecturally significant for its fine random stone construction banked against a hill. Except for the addition of a false front gable in the late nineteenth century and removal of a front porch the house has remained relatively unchanged since its mid nineteenth century construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC S. B. Preston House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Foot of Route 180

CITY, TOWN

Knoxville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Richard A. Joy

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1022

Folio #: 276

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

F-2-28

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The S. B. Preston House is a two story flank gable roofed coursed random stone residence which faces east at the base of Route 180 (Jefferson Pike) in Knoxville.

The principal facade is four bays wide. There are two main entrances to the building which are located in the second and third bays. Both entrance doors have been replaced. A three horizontal panel door with single upper light is located in the second bay. A modern four panel door with small lights in the top part of the door is located in the third bay.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first level and all bays on the second level are original double hung 6/6 windows with beaded edge and wood lintels.

A small false front gable, added in the late nineteenth century, covered with decorative wood butt and fishscale shingling, extends in the center of the roof directly over the second and third bays.

Ghostings on the front first level of the building indicate that a hip roofed porch has been removed.

One small square replaced window is located in the north and south gable ends. A vertical board cellar entrance is located in the northwest corner.

The entire building is banked against a hill facing the town of Knoxville. The rear of the building is backed against the B & O Railroad line and once overlooking the remaining part of the town located on the opposite side of the tracks.

The house is constructed on a banked coursed random stone foundation and is covered by a flank gable patterned slate roof with boxed cornice, plain frieze and return. One original twin interior brick chimney straddles the gable on the south end wall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The S. B. Preston House is significant to Knoxville architecturally as one of the stone buildings of the town and as one of the buildings which made up Knoxville in the mid nineteenth century.

Today the S. B. Preston House stands on land known as the Cooper's Addition to Knoxville platted in 1921 by Charles and Ellen Cooper.¹

In 1858 the house was as it is today strategically placed at the base of the hill leading into town on the Harpers Ferry Road. Its rear yard backs up to the B & O Railroad and before the 1889 flood would have overlooked the rest of the town of Knoxville.

In 1873 the house was owned by S. B. Preston as indicated by the Titus Atlas, however since his name is indicated on other properties in the town it is unlikely that he actually lived in the building.

The house is architecturally significant for its fine random stone construction banked against a hill. Except for the addition of a false front gable in the late nineteenth century and removal of a front porch the house has remained relatively unchanged since its mid nineteenth century construction.

¹Frederick County Plat Records, Book STH 1; Folio 125.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

8/4/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

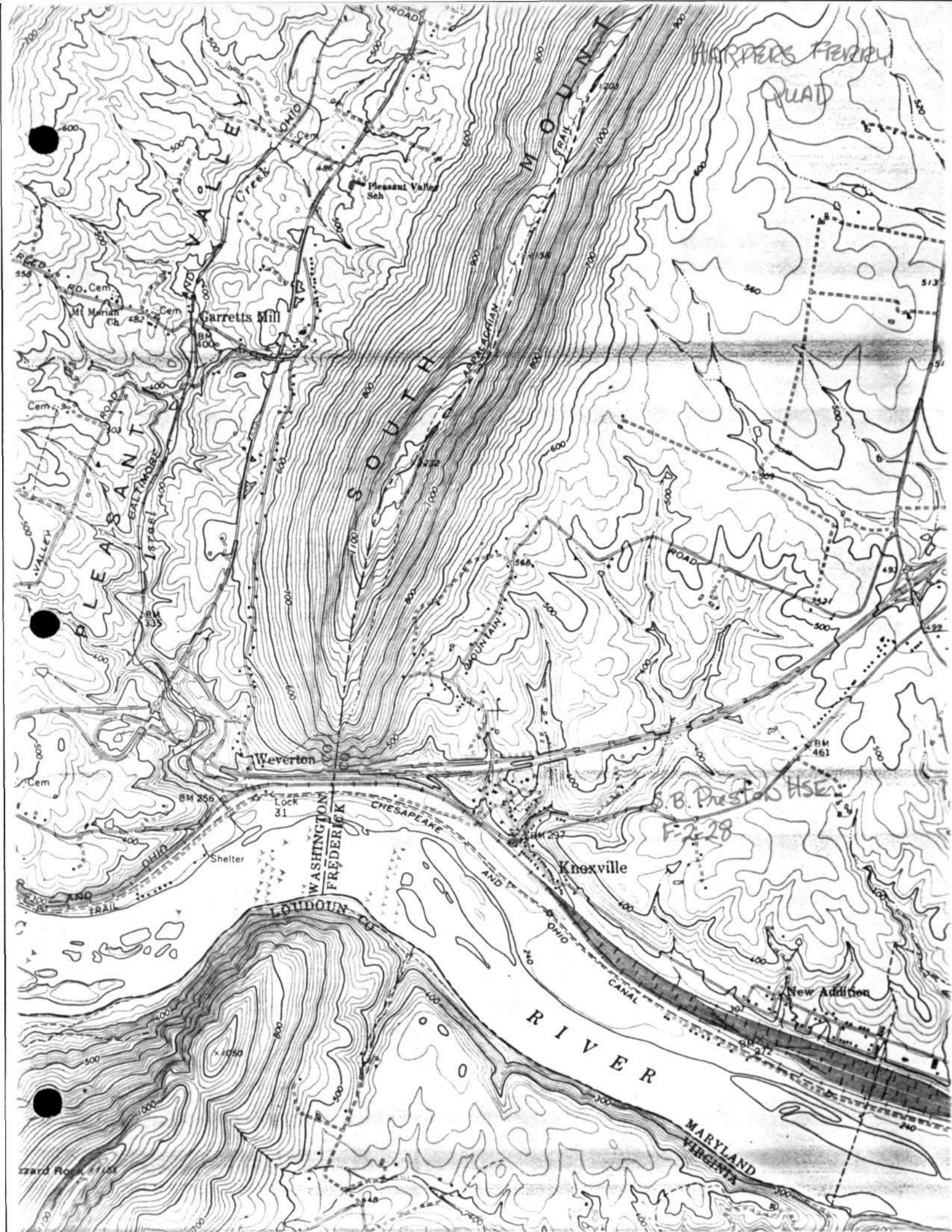
Frederick

Maryland

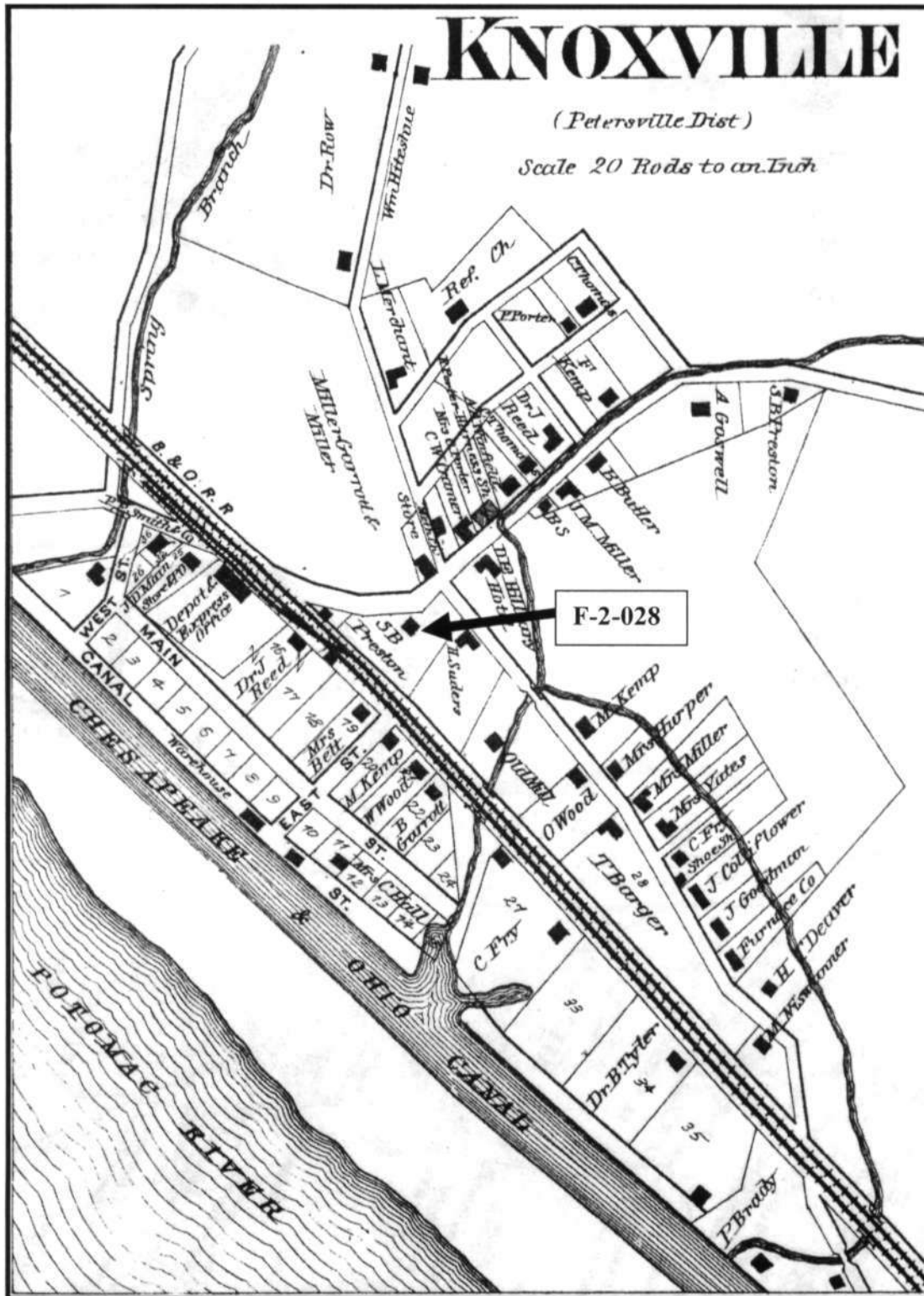
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

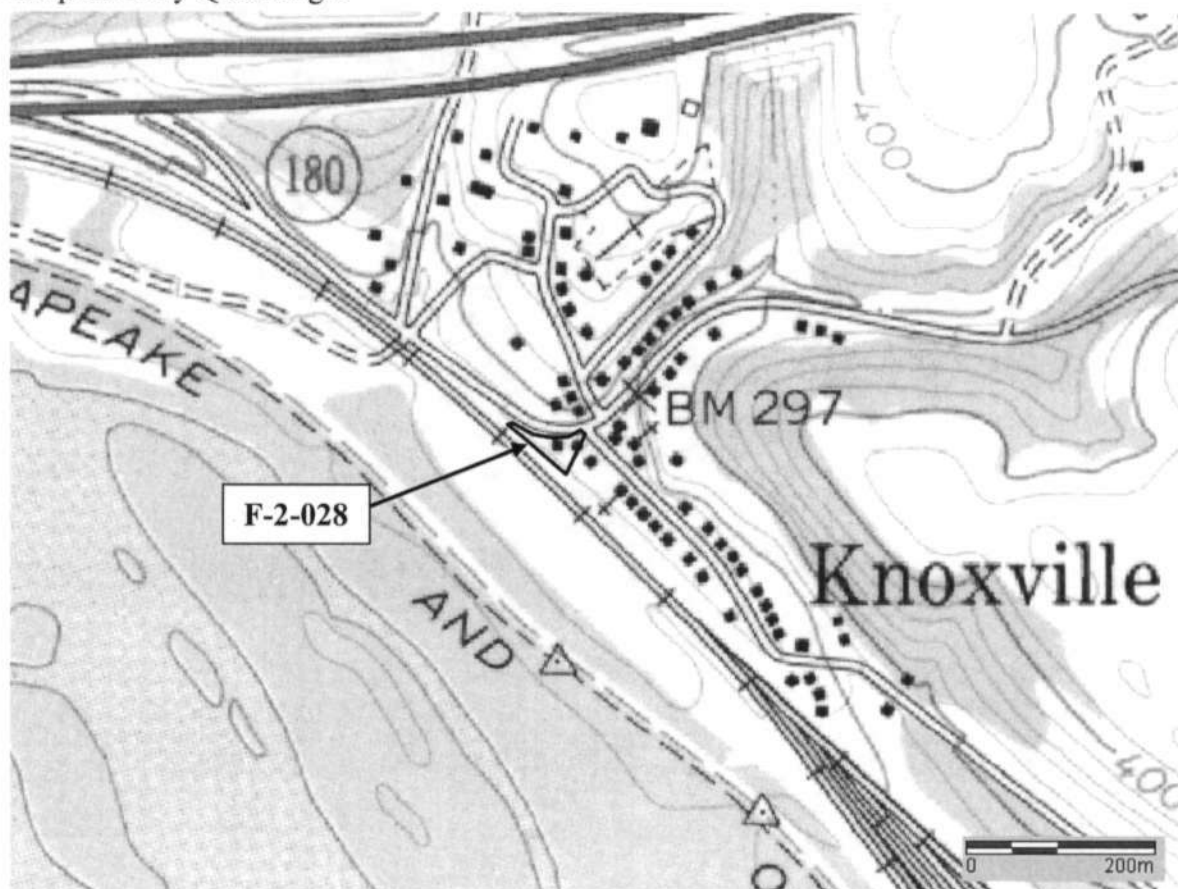
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



C.O. Titus & Co. Atlas, 1873



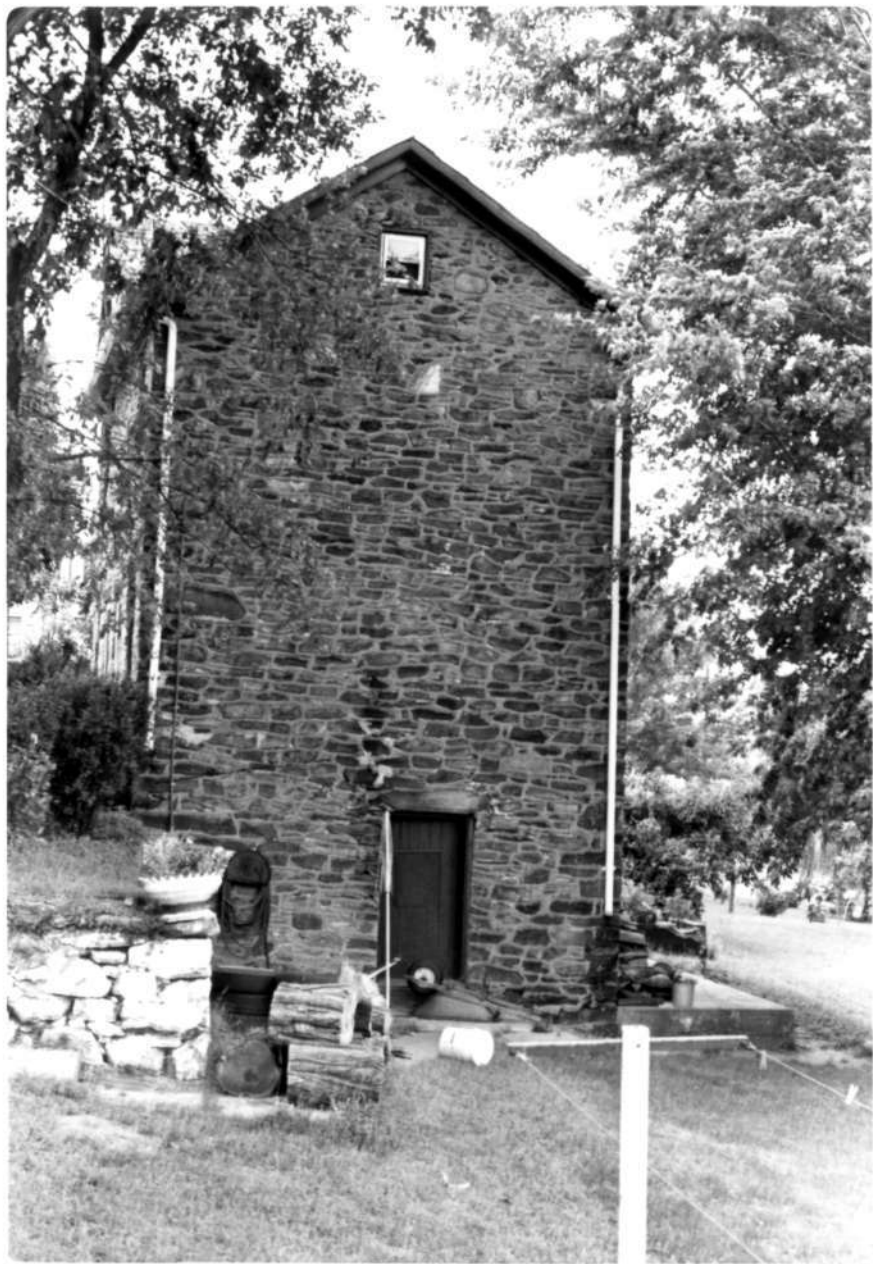
F-2-028
 S.B. Preston House
 153 Jefferson Pike (MD 180), Knoxville
 Harpers Ferry Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 91, p. 42





F-2-28 S.B. Preston HSE

W/S Rte 28

KNOXVILLE

CRW 6/80

NORTH BLVD



F-2-28 S.B. Preston HSE
W/S Rte 28
KNOXVILLE
CREW 6/80
EAST BLVD